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Not sure I got everyone who may be interested in this. CDC/ATSDR has been asked by EPA Region IV in Atlanta to provide a response to health based questions regarding the odor from the crude oil and possible diesel spill resulting from the explosion and sinking of the mobile drilling unit Deepwater Horizon in Mississippi Canyon offshore lease Block 252. For those who are not aware, the National Response Team has been conducting twice a day briefings for the Secretary of Homeland Security on this issue and the briefings have been attended by White House staffers since last Thursday.

These Q&As will be incorporated into a comprehensive risk communications effort by the Joint Information Center at the Unified Command led by the Eighth Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA. Hence issues like fish uptake, impacts on wildlife, response operations, and similar issues will be addressed by others within the interagency response.

ATSDR/DTEM felt it was prudent to try and anticipate health questions related to landfall of the oil. Some residents along the coast have been consulting with their physicians about the odors; hence the suggestions that attending healthcare providers consult with Poison Control Centers. Poison Control Centers serving the potentially affected states have been made aware of the potential.

As this is a crisis, we would like to request those on the cc line, who have not already seen this draft, to please review the attachment and provide any comments as soon as possible. If you have no comments, please let me know not to wait. We would like to provide the response for forwarding to the JIC by noon tomorrow, if possible. If there are any questions about the background, please feel free to contact me.

We have also just received another request from EPA for suggestions for environmental analytes to be used in air monitoring and action levels to interpret the data. EPA was requested by the lead agency this morning to conduct shoreline air monitoring to begin tomorrow.

We will be providing an update on our activities for OTERP's submission to the EOC tonight.

Rich Nickle
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-----Original Message-----

From: Holler, James S. (Jim) (ATSDR/DTEM/PRMSB)
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 9:32 AM
To: Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTEM/PRMSB)
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Rich,

Per our discussion this morning.

Jim

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From: Safay.Robert@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Safay.Robert@epamail.epa.gov]
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Jim, a follow up from our call this morning. I spoke to Dean Ullock this morning. EPA and USCG sector command would like this ASAP as complaints coming in more frequently. Bob

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From: Dean Ullock
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Bob,

As mentioned and briefly discussed during the Sector Mobile Stakeholders call this Sunday afternoon, last night we started to receive land based "diesel like" odor complaints in Alabama and Mississippi through the NRC. I could smell it strongly here in Fairhope some 70-80 miles away. I'm

certain it was because of the very low atmospheric pressure and strong southerly winds. Before this is all behind us we're liable to get many more.

For those complaints that come from Region IV, would you please assist our fellow stakeholders should if these complaints become persistent, etc?..

Is there a number or fact sheet I can give out to our stakeholders so they can become knowledgeable and put out a unified message to the public.

Thanks Bob.

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